

Application Serial No. 09/833,507

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that the objection to claims 14 and 16 have been withdrawn due to new grounds of rejection.

Claims 1, 3-6, 14-18 and 20 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by Yanus, et al. In response, Applicants traverse the rejection.

As with the references cited in previous Office Actions, Yanus, et al. does not teach an adhesive. Instead, Yanus, et al. teaches conductive coatings useful for electrophotographic image development systems. In fact, Applicants do not find the word "adhesive" in the entire specification of Yanus, et al.

Applicants point out that the claims are directed to an adhesive which bonds a first member and a second member. Yanus, et al. does not teach or suggest an adhesive, and does not teach or suggest that the crosslinked conducting compositions set forth in the reference can be used as adhesives. Instead, the polyamides disclosed in Yanus, et al. are taught as being used as conductive layers and not as adhesive compositions. More specifically, at col. 16, lines 1-18, it is taught that the conductive coatings may be suitable for special types of photoreceptor overcoatings.

Because Yanus, et al. does not teach or suggest an adhesive material to bind a first member and a second member, Applicants submit that the present claims are not anticipated by the reference. In addition, Applicants submit that the present claims are not rendered obvious in view of the reference. Applicants submit that one of ordinary skill in the art looking to form an adhesive to bind a first member and a second member, would not have been motivated to use the polyamides taught by Yanus, et al. as conductive layers for photoreceptors, as an adhesive, as claimed. Therefore, Applicants submit that the present claims are not rendered obvious in view of the cited reference.

Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 3-6, 14-18 and 20 under 35 USC §102(e) as anticipated by, Yanus, et al.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 9, 10, 12 and 13 contain allowable subject matter.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claim 21 has been allowed.

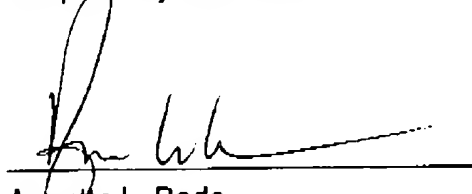
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In view of the above arguments, Applicants submit that all claims should now be in condition for allowance. Early indication of allowability is respectfully requested.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation Attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, s/he is hereby authorized to call Applicant's Attorney, Annette L. Bade, at telephone number (310) 333-3682, El Segundo, California.

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